

## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: FRANZ NIEDEREDER ET AL-1 (PCT)  
SERIAL NO: 10/049,787 EXAMINER: C.C. SHAW  
FILED: February 15, 2002 GROUP: 1725  
TITLE: WELDING UNIT EQUIPPED WITH A COMMUNICATIONS  
INTERFACE AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE WELDING UNIT

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(1)

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Respectfully submitted,

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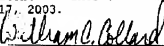


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